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Applicants: Kenichiro Yamauchi et al.  
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TRANSMITTING MEDIUM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
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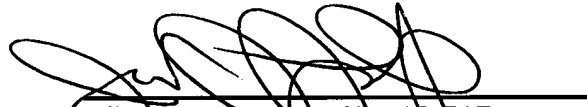
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